Less power generation by atomic power plants

†1962. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of atomic power plants in the country are generating less power in comparison to their respective installed capacity;

(b) if so, the plant-wise details of the installed capacity of the each of those plants alongwith the power generated by them; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that these plants are even not safe and accidents are very common in these plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No, Sir. NPCIL's nuclear power plants are operating well and achieved an overall capacity factor of 75%, 80% and 82% during the financial year 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01 respectively.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir. All the nuclear power plants are safe.

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) classifies nuclear events in the International Nuclear Events scale (INES). INES is a 0 to 7 point scale. The levels indicate severity of the events in the increasing order. Events of the level 0 are "deviations" and have no safety significance. Events of the level 1 to 3 are "incidents". Events of level 4 to 7 are "accidents". No accident, according to IAEA scale, has occurred so far in any of the nuclear power plant in India.

Sale of wheat rejected by Iraq

1963. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two Indian Wheat Shipments, which were rejected by Iraq, were later certified to be fit by an International Agency in Dubai and sold there;

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†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.